

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 6, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 21 are amended and claims 25 and 26 are added. Support for the features recited in claims 25 and 26 can be at least found in Fig. 31. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the event that an interview has not been conducted with Applicants' representative when the Examiner is considering this Amendment, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below and schedule a personal interview.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 3, 5-10 and 15-24 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants amended claims 3, 6, 15, 16, 17 and 21 to incorporate the features of the claims from which they previously depended. For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that claims 3, 5-10 and 15-24 are in condition for allowance. Further, for at least the reasons discussed below, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 2, 4, 11-14, 25 and 26 are also allowable.

Claims 1-2, 4 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over EP 0413340 (EP'340). The rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

EP'340 fails to disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, an inkjet head having a laminated structure of a plurality of plates including at least one cavity plate and at least one manifold plate, comprising a plurality of ink pressure chambers formed in the at least one cavity plate, each of the ink pressure chambers selectively pressurizing ink supplied thereto to eject the ink from the inkjet head, a manifold channel formed in the at least one manifold plate, the manifold channel being in fluid communication with each of the ink pressure chambers to distribute the ink thereamong, as recited in amended claim 1.

EP'340 also fails to disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, an inkjet head having a laminated structure of a plurality of plates including at least one cavity plate and at least one manifold plate, comprising a plurality of ink pressure chambers formed in the at least one cavity plate, each of the ink pressure chambers selectively pressurizing ink supplied thereto to eject the ink from the inkjet head, and a manifold channel formed to be a looped channel in the at least one manifold plate and being in fluid communication with each of the ink pressure chambers to distribute the ink thereamong, as recited in amended claim 14.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that EP'341 fails to disclose or suggest all the features recited in independent claims 1 and 14, as well as all the features of claims 2, 4, 11, 25 and 26, which respectively depend from claims 1 and 14. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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